

COMMENTS

The applicant has the following comments on the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

First, while the Examiner discusses independent claims 1, 24 and 31, there are two more independent claims pending in this application, namely, claims 26 and 33, which the Examiner did not comment on in the reasons for allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance.

Secondly, there appears to be a typographical error in the reasons for allowance. On the first line of the page which the Examiner numbers as "Page 3", "wavelength division multiplexer" should read "wavelength division demultiplexer" in order to be consistent with the claim language of claims 24 and 31.

Furthermore, it is respectfully noted that the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance regarding claim 1 quotes a portion of that claim, which portion refers to other parts of the claim that do not appear in the Examiner's commentary. Thus, the Examiner's comments need to be read in view of the language of claim 1 to define all of the antecedents mentioned in the reasons for allowance.

This is also true for claims 24 and 31 when the Examiner's reasons for allowance quotes a portion of each one of those claims. The Examiner's reasons for allowance need to be read in connection with the actual claim language of claims 24 or 31, as the case may be, to define the antecedents for some of the terminology used in the reasons for allowance.

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